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Ann Terbush
National Marine Fisheries Service
Office of Protected Resources F/PR1, Permits Division
1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705
Silver Spring, MD 20910

**RE: Protected Species Special Exemption Permits;
Docket No. 001031304-0304-01**

Dear Ms. Terbush:

As director of the Steinhart Aquarium, an accredited member of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA), I am writing to fully endorse the comments submitted by the AZA with regard to the National Marine Fisheries Service's proposed regulations pertaining to the public display of marine mammals. Having been intimately involved in the MMPA 1994 Amendment process, I can attest as to the veracity of the AZA comments and the intent of Congress when the Amendments were made. The proposed regulations implementing the Amendments are contrary to that intent and need to be revised accordingly.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Robert L. Jenkins
Director

RLJ/j

Cc: Steve Olson, AZA